

58a, 60a that are pivotally connected on a lateral pivot axis 61 (shown in Figures 2 and 6) to distal ends 68b, 70b of the towers. The boom arms 58, 60 are pivotally connected at distal ends 58b, 60b to the bucket 52.

a1 Please amend the paragraph beginning at page 5, line 10 to read as follows:

As illustrated in Figure 6, the towers 68, 70 extend upwardly for a distance to the mid-location 68c, 70c which is the connection point of the hydraulic cylinders 78, 80 and then continue upwardly and are angled, curved, tapered or otherwise offset inwardly to the distal ends 68b, 70b of the towers at the connection of the boom arms 58, 60. The inward offset of the towers creates a recessed outer, upper edge 68d, 70d that allows the operator to view the side edges of the bucket 52 from his seated position, with possibly only a small lateral movement of the operator's head.

a2 Please amend the paragraph beginning at page 5, line 24 to read as follows:

As illustrated in Figures 4 and 5, the fuel tank 38 is mounted to cover a rear surface of the engine compartment and a rear surface of the towers 68, 70 that substantially faces the driver. The fuel tank 38 is a complex shaped container that includes a central portion 38a and two wing portions 38b, 38c connected to the central portion 38c by upper and lower tube portions 38d, 38e and 38f, 38g, respectively. Gaps 81, 82 are formed between the wing portions 38b, 38c and the central portion 38a. These gaps 81, 82 coincide with lateral spaces 84, 86 (shown in Figure 6) formed between the hood 40 and the towers 68, 70 and allow an unobstructed downward oblique view of the utility vehicle axle 27 and the ground below. The wing portions 38b,

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38c are tapered or otherwise contoured inwardly at sides thereof to match the inward offset of the towers 68, 70.

Please amend the paragraph beginning at page 6, line 11 as follows:

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To additionally improve driver visibility, the hood 40 includes a top surface 87 that is steeply declined in a forward direction. The steep decline of the hood 40 allows an unobstructed driver view of a top edge 52c of the bucket when the tractor and the bucket are resting on level ground.

Please amend the paragraph beginning at page 6, line 20 to read as follows:

The dimensions for one example of a preferred embodiment of the present invention are as follows:

	<u>dimension</u>
horizontal distance "a" from driver's eye 100 to top edge of hood	994 mm
horizontal distance "b" from top edge of hood to top edge of grill	1,012 mm
horizontal distance "c" from top edge of grille to top edge of bucket	1,037 mm
vertical distance "d" from driver's eye to top edge of hood	551 mm
vertical distance "e" from top edge of hood to top edge of grille	433 mm
vertical distance "f" from driver's eye to top edge of bucket	1,353 mm
distance from "g" connection of boom to tower to inflection point of boom	995 mm
horizontal clearance "h" between boom arms after inflection point	778 mm